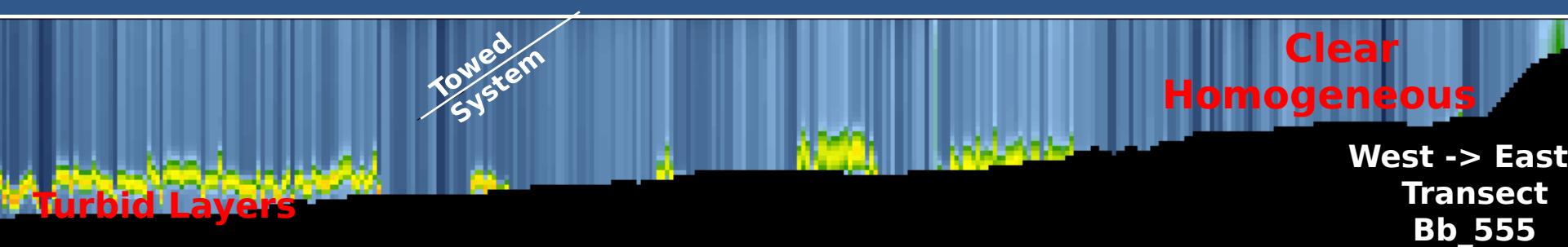




Forecasting the Ocean Optical Environment for EO Performance Surfaces

New capability to support the HM Squadron's
ASQ 24 and diver operations using
Gliders , Models and Remote Sensing



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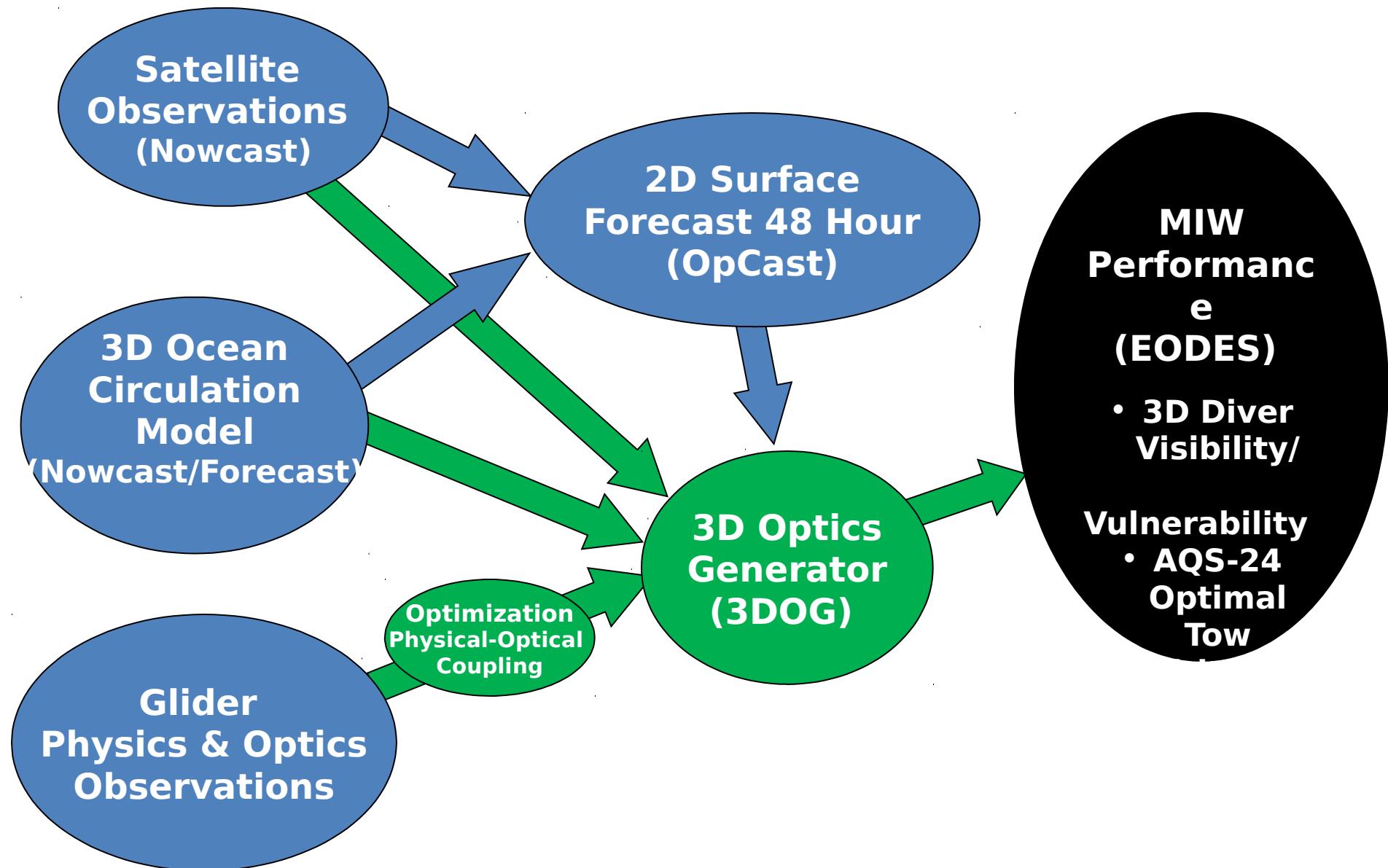


Tactical Ocean Data System (TODS) Components



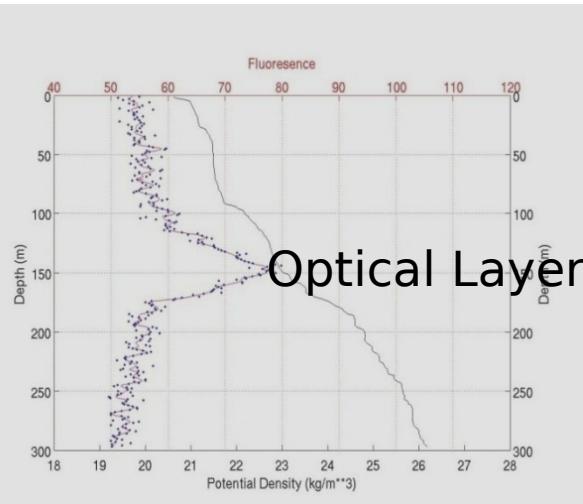
- **LAGER** - Quality control of glider optical and physical properties
 - Deployment, Processing and data QC and analysis
- **OPCAST** - 2D Forecasting of Surface Optics out to 48 hours
 - Coupling Satellite optics and models
- **3DOG** - 3D Optical Volume Generator
 - Fusion of Gliders, Satellites and Models
- **Performance Surfaces** (EODES Model, Diver Visibility)
 - Linking the 3D optics with the AQS 24

Tactical Ocean Data System (TODS)

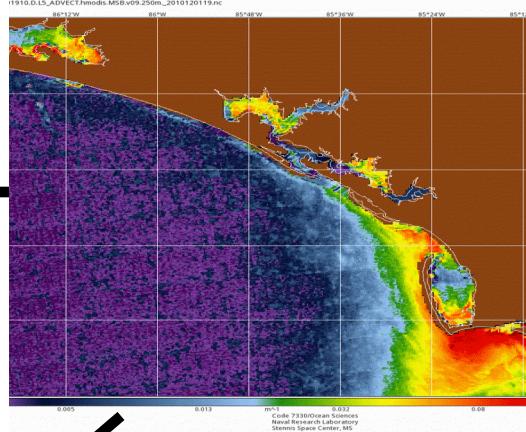


Integration of Glider Profiles, Satellite and Numerical Models to support AQS24 Operations

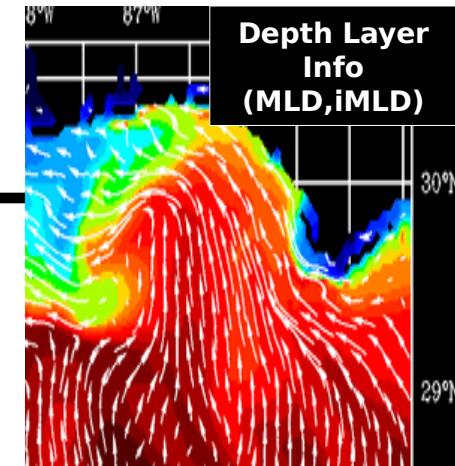
Vertical Optical Profiles
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Nowcast / Forecast Satellite Optics



Nowcast / Forecast Circulation Models



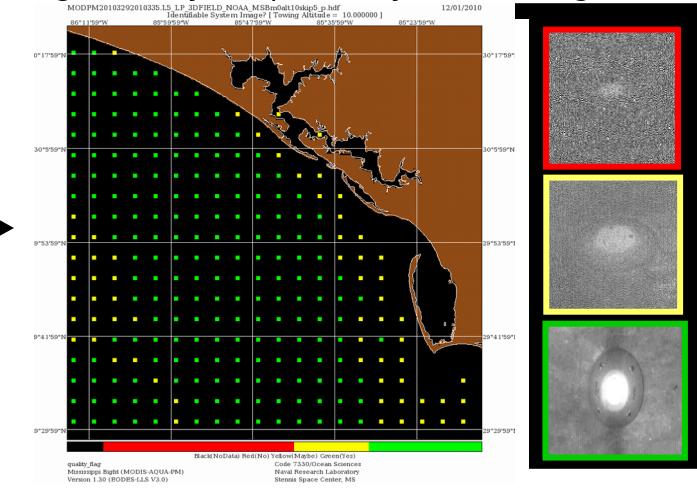
What Happens
Below
Satellite Surface
Today and
Tomorrow?

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model p
(MLD,IMLD),
level, and the subso
vertical change in 3D

3D Optical Volume & Diver Visibility

EODES →

Nowcast/Forecast Performance Surface
Image Quality & Optimal System Towing Altitude





TODS Fleet Demonstration and Support Of EO Laser Imaging Performance

Support provided to HM-14 HARP Exercise

VULCANEX 11-1 - Panama City, FL - March 30, 2011 - April 08, 2011

TODS Support (Daily Brief Provided to Fleet):

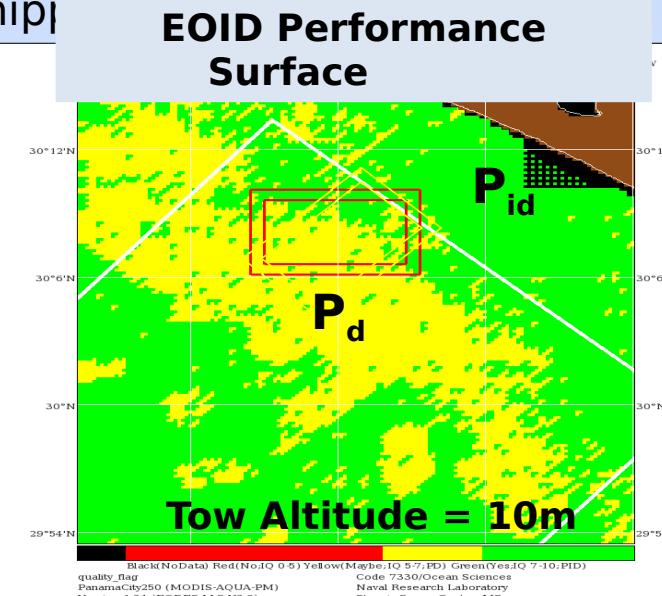
- a) Nowcast/Forecast (24,48 hours) of the Optical Environment (2D & 3D) Impact on laser system (ASQ 24) and diver visibility
- b) Nowcast/Forecast (24,48 Hours) 3D Optical Volume / Vertical Optical Layer
- c) Nowcast/Forecast (24,48 Hours) EOIDS/AQS-24, ALMDS and diver performance surfaces
- d) Circulation models 3Km NCOM-RELO
- e) Optical profiles collected in real-time using Slocum glider for assimilation into 3D Optical Volume (Tuning Coefficients defining the optics to physics relationship)
- f) End-to-end testing and evaluation of TODS system components (OpCast, 3DOG <- glider optics profiles, performance surfaces <- AQS-24 snippet)

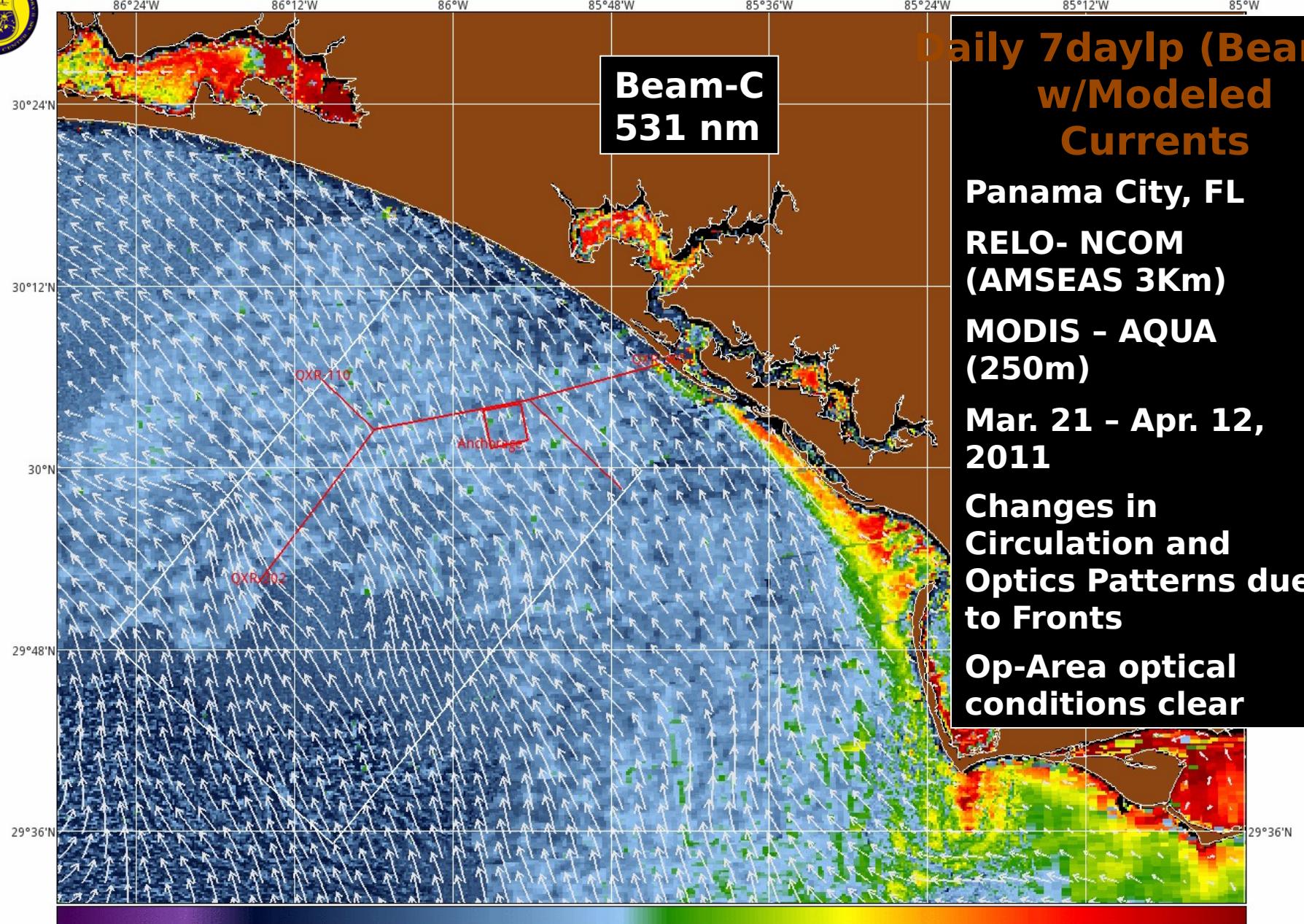
Vulcanex 11-1 HARP Exercise Planning

HARP Objectives (AWSTS):

1. Assess the HM squadron's operational capability / level of AMCM combat proficiency
2. Assist in identifying potential problem areas in mission capability.
3. Assist in the tactical training of personnel to increase mission

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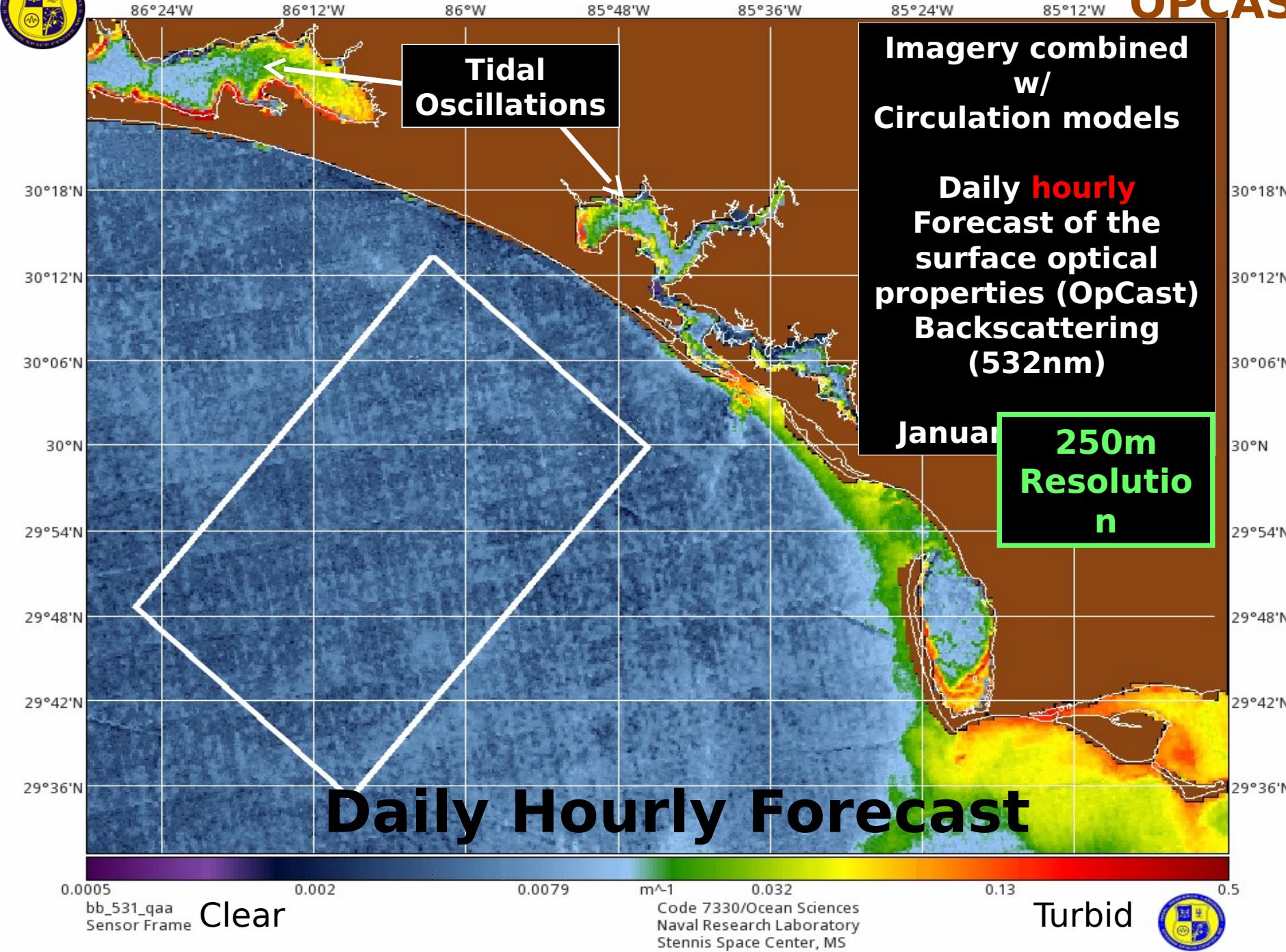
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OPCAST



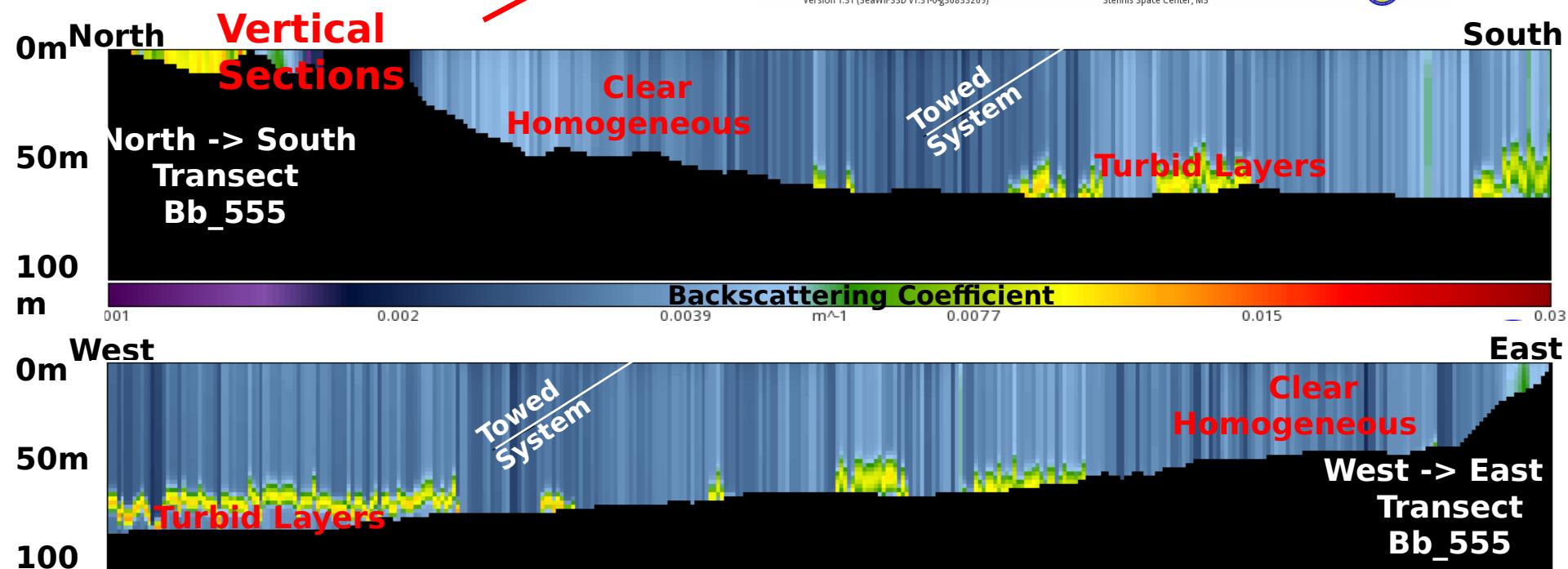
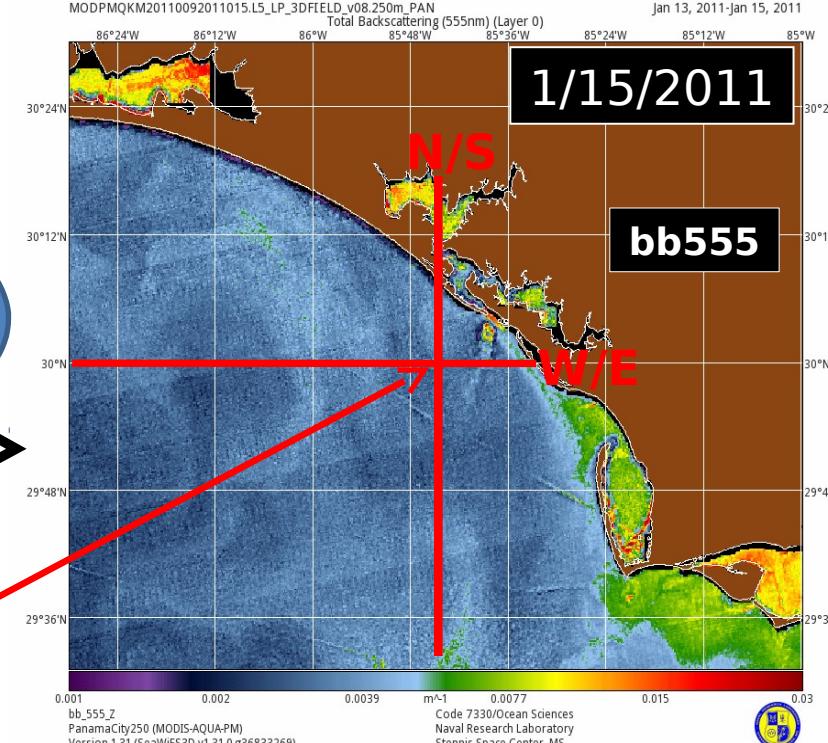


3DOG

3D Optical Generator
Merging
“Satellite, models
and
In situ data “
Surface to Bottom
Animation
(Black Areas are Bottom)

250m
Resolu
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Coefficien
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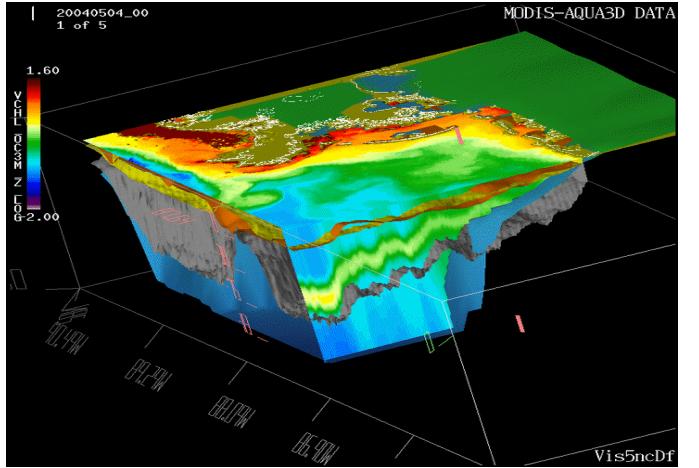
Need
Tuning
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Using
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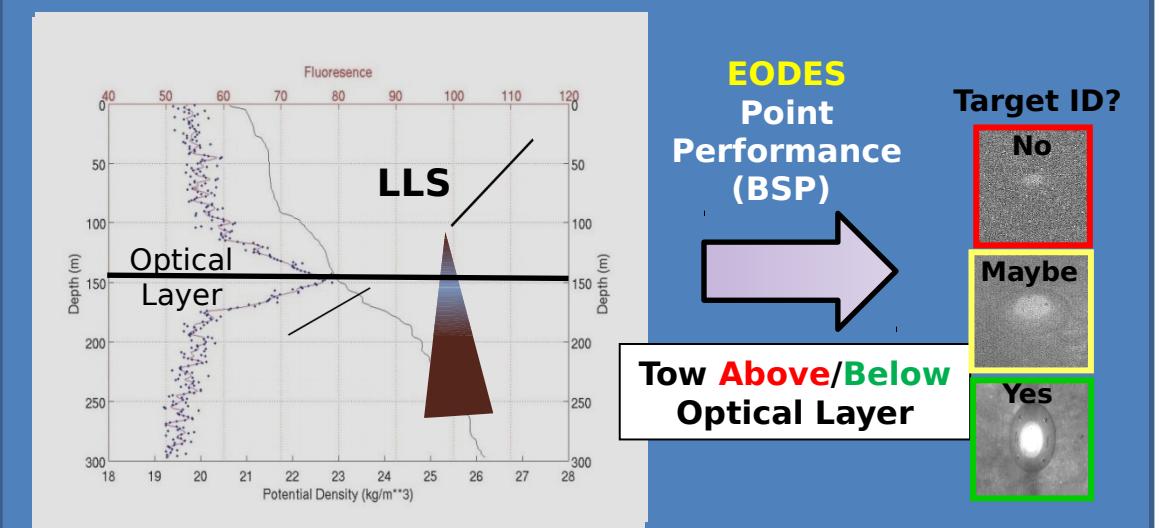
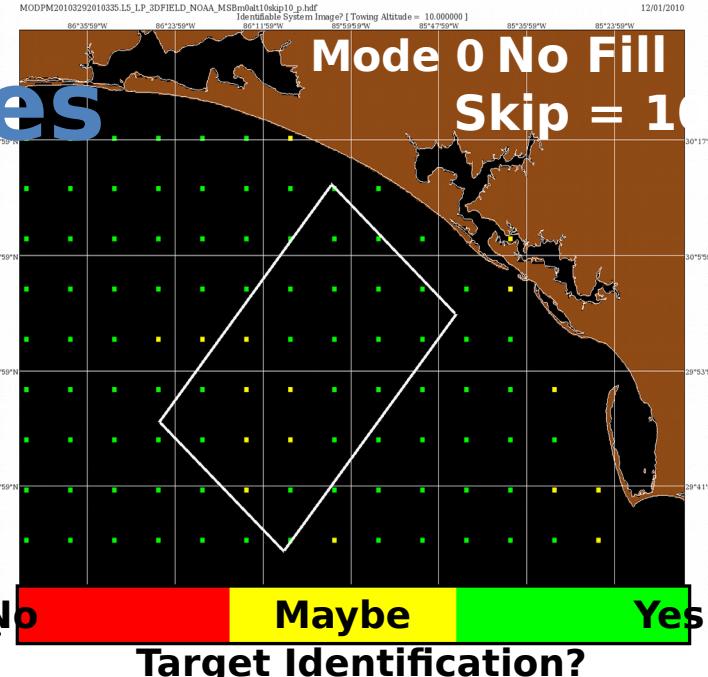


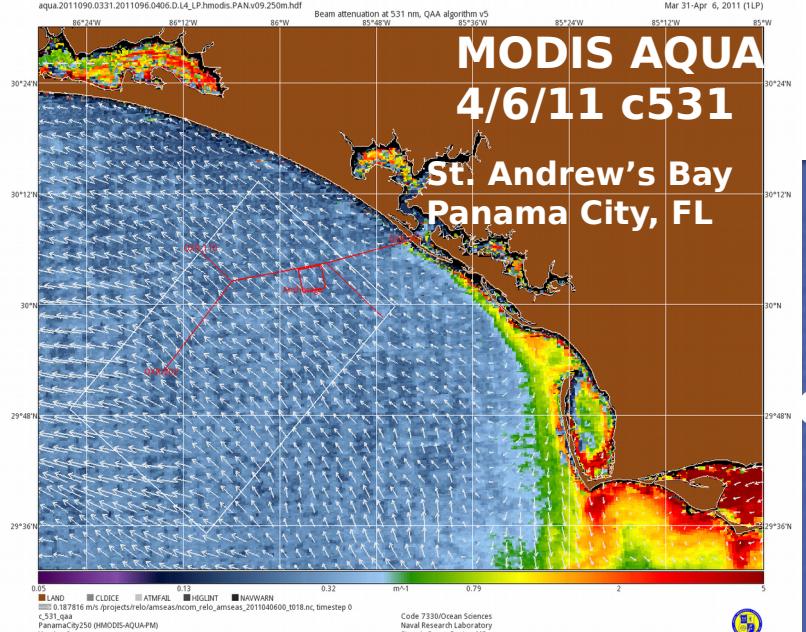
Performance Surfaces

Regional Battlespace Characterization 3d optical profiles



Regional laser imaging performance (EODES Model)





Operational Area



St. Andre Bay

Glider Ops

Q-Routes

Apr 7 14:10Z
Glider 3

U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
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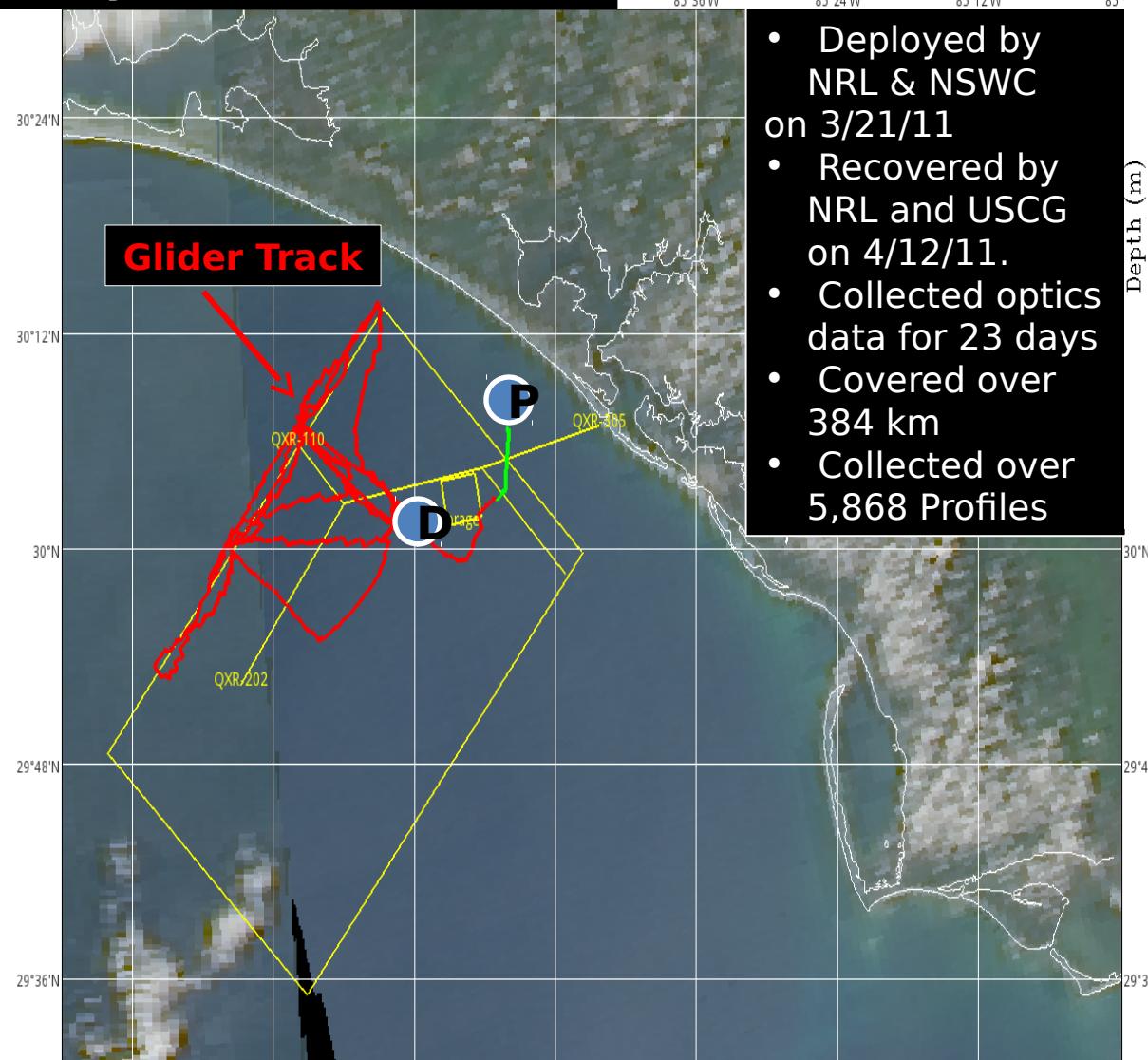
30° 4.023' N 86° 7.181' W elev -31 m

Eye alt 66.63 km



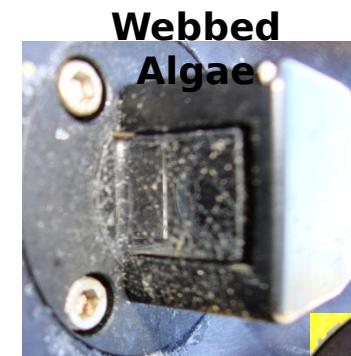
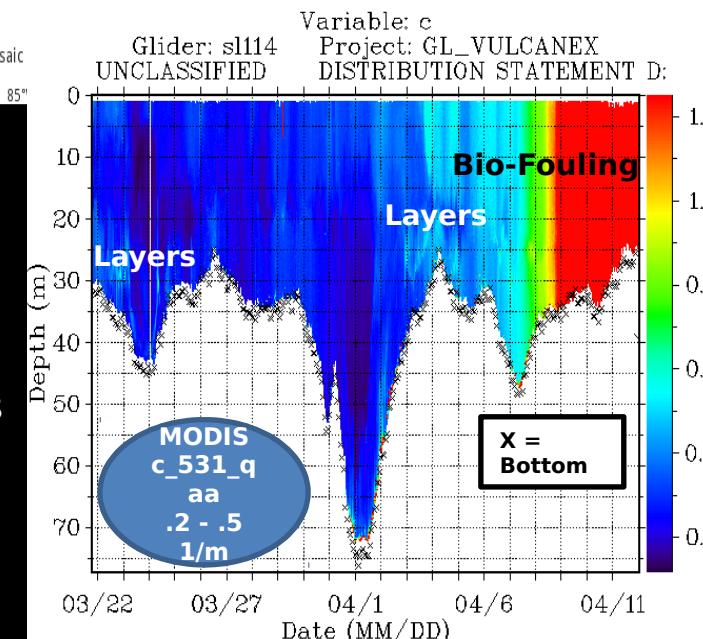
Vulcanex Glider Operations

Daily MODIS True Color



- Deployed by NRL & NSWC on 3/21/11
- Recovered by NRL and USCG on 4/12/11.
- Collected optics data for 23 days
- Covered over 384 km
- Collected over 5,868 Profiles

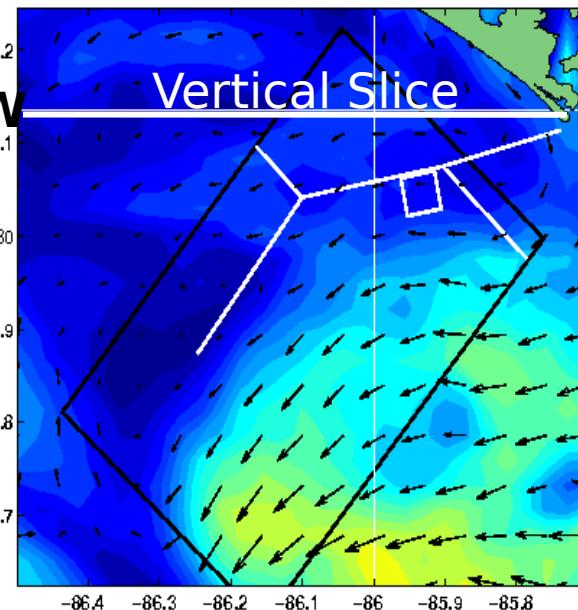
Mon Apr 11 2011 Mosaic



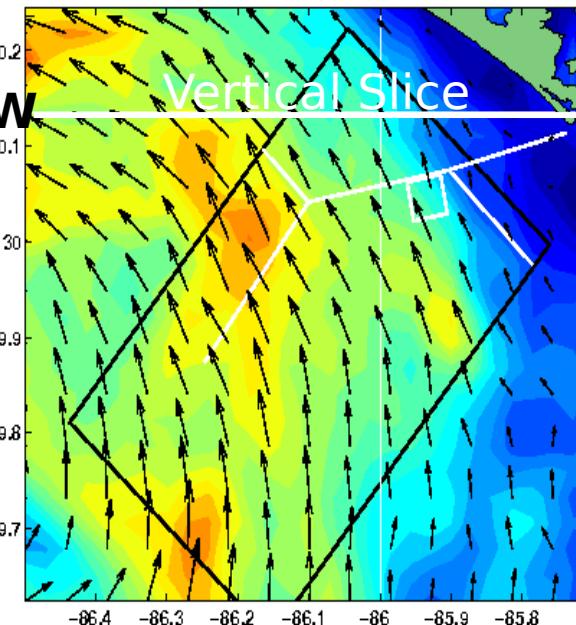


Physical Model Nowcast & Forecast – April 06, 2011

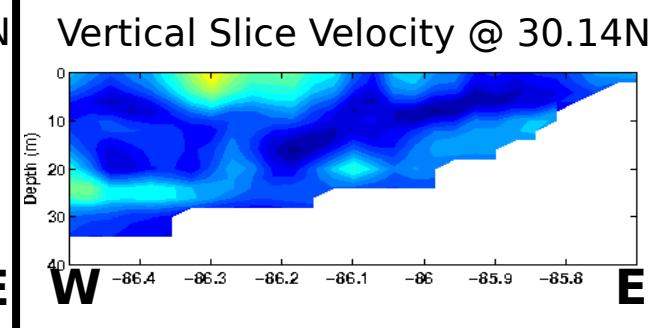
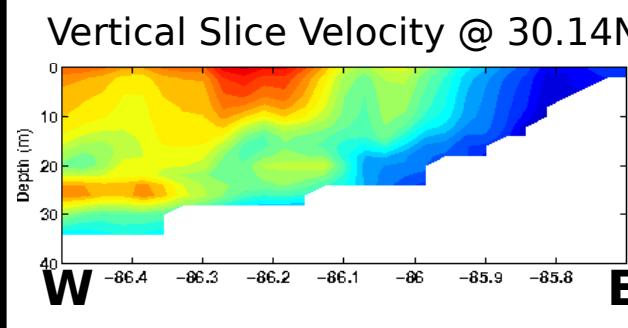
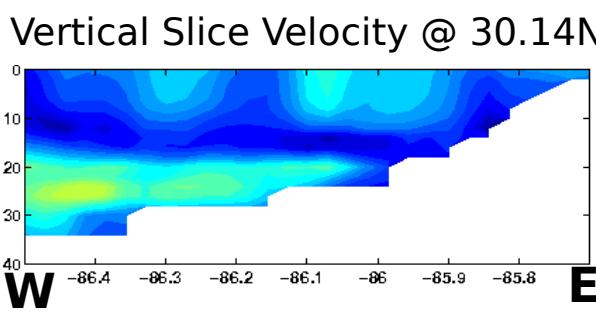
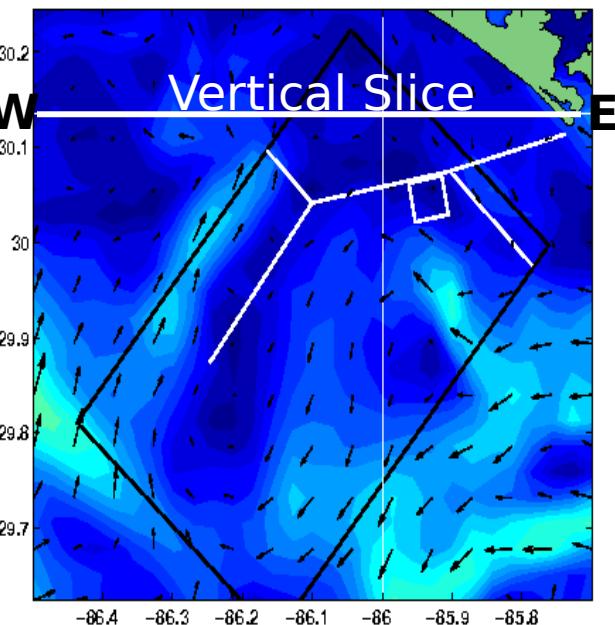
April 06, 2011 00Z
Depth Averaged Currents



April 07, 2011 00Z
Depth Averaged Currents



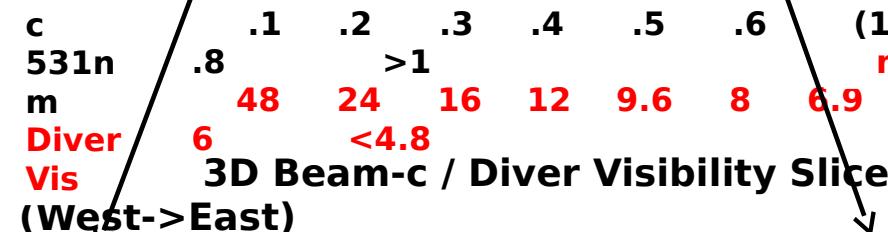
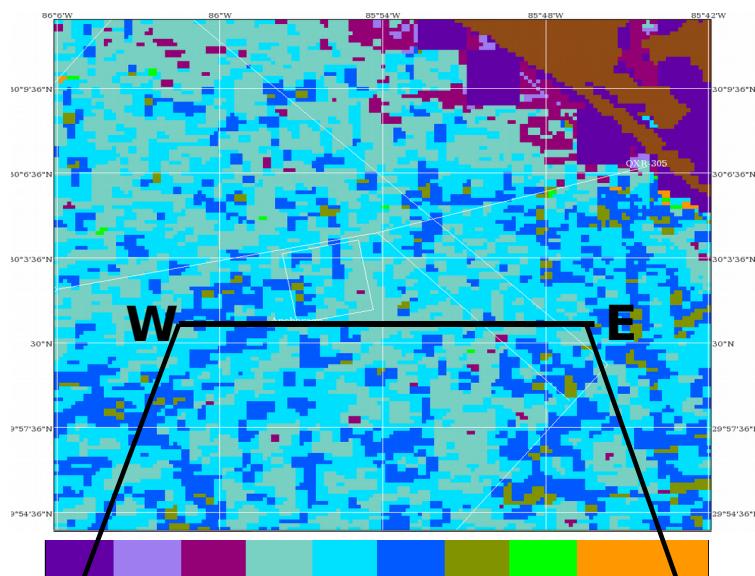
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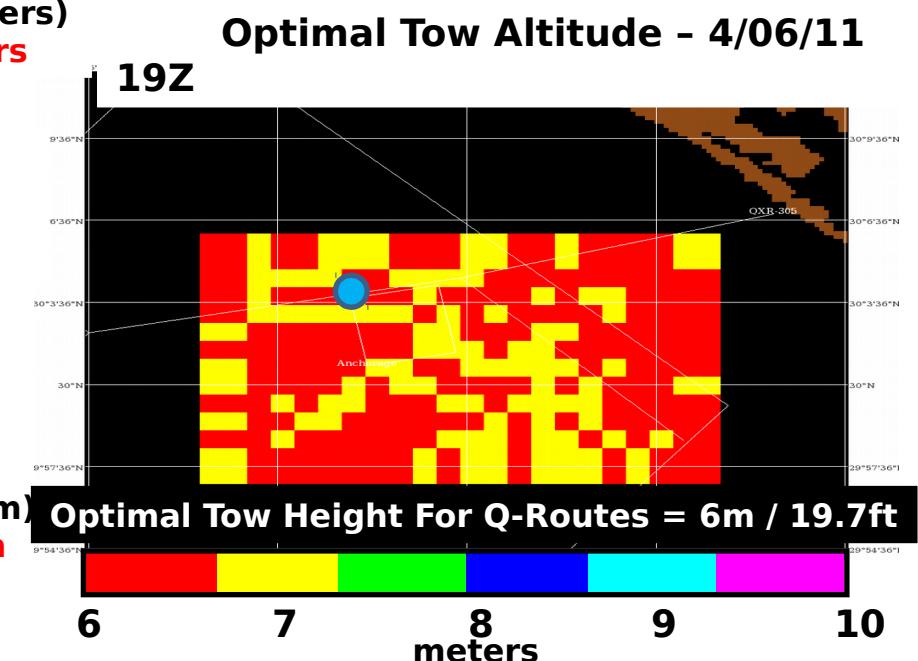
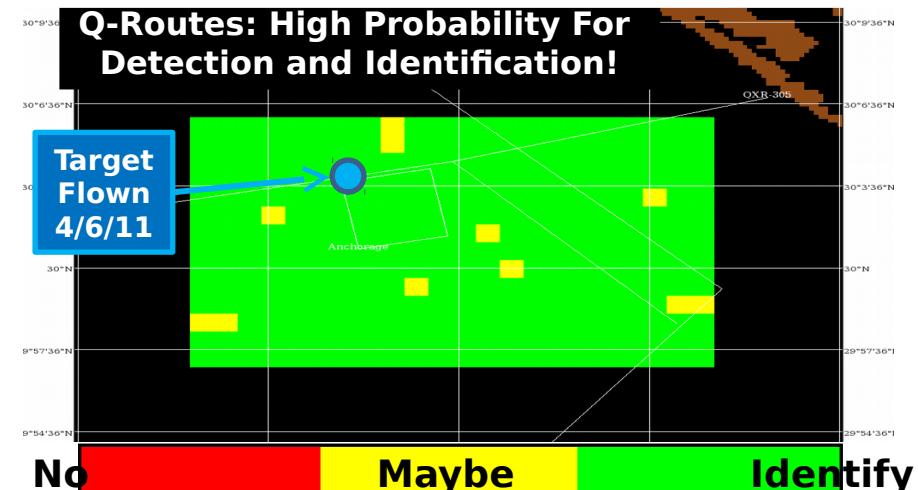


24 Exercise Support Products (Nowcast, 24 & 48 Hour Forecast)

Surface Beam-c / Diver Visibility 4/06/11 19Z



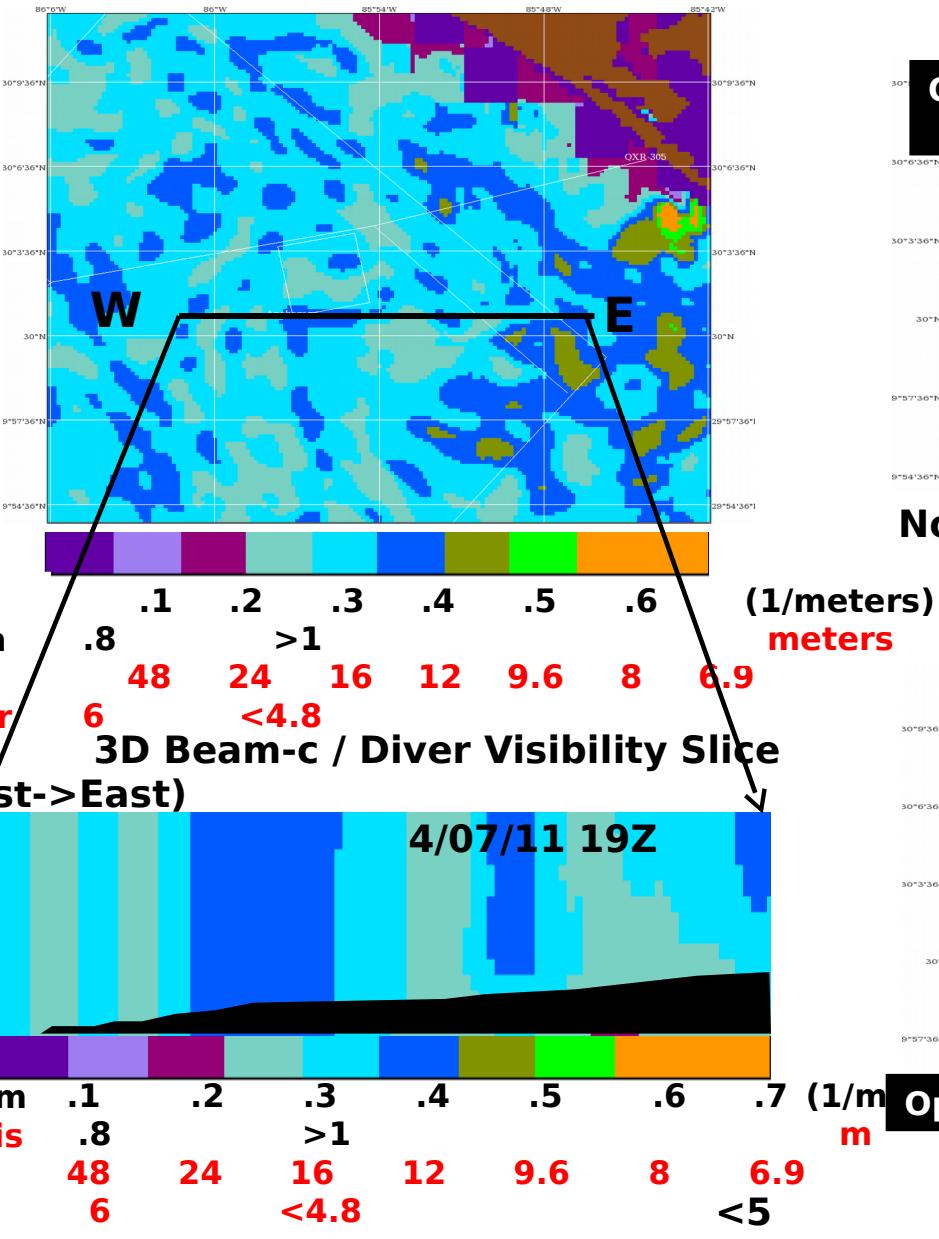
Target Identification @ 6m/19.7ft Tow Altitude 4/06/11 19Z



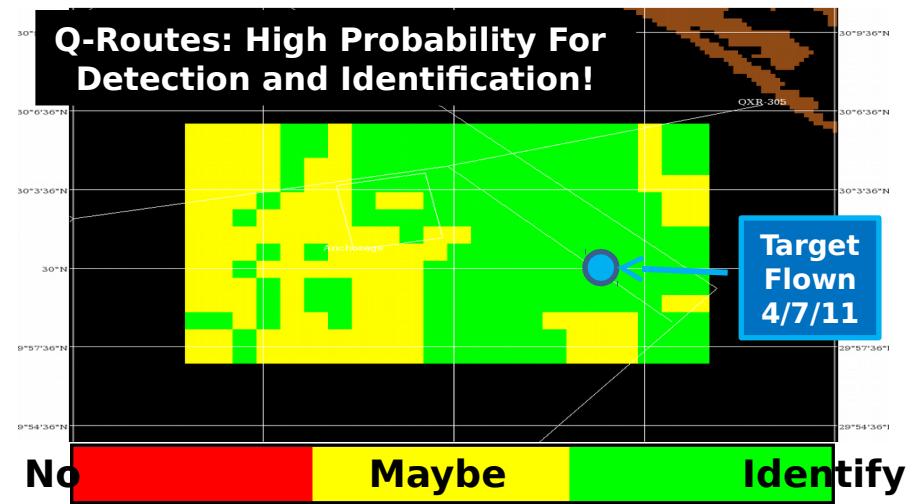


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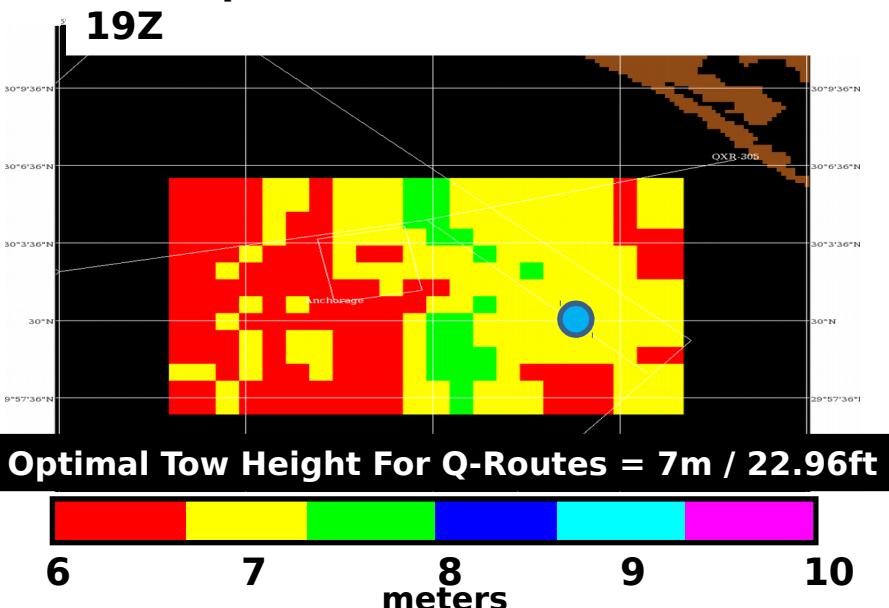
Surface Beam-c / Diver Visibility 4/07/11 19Z



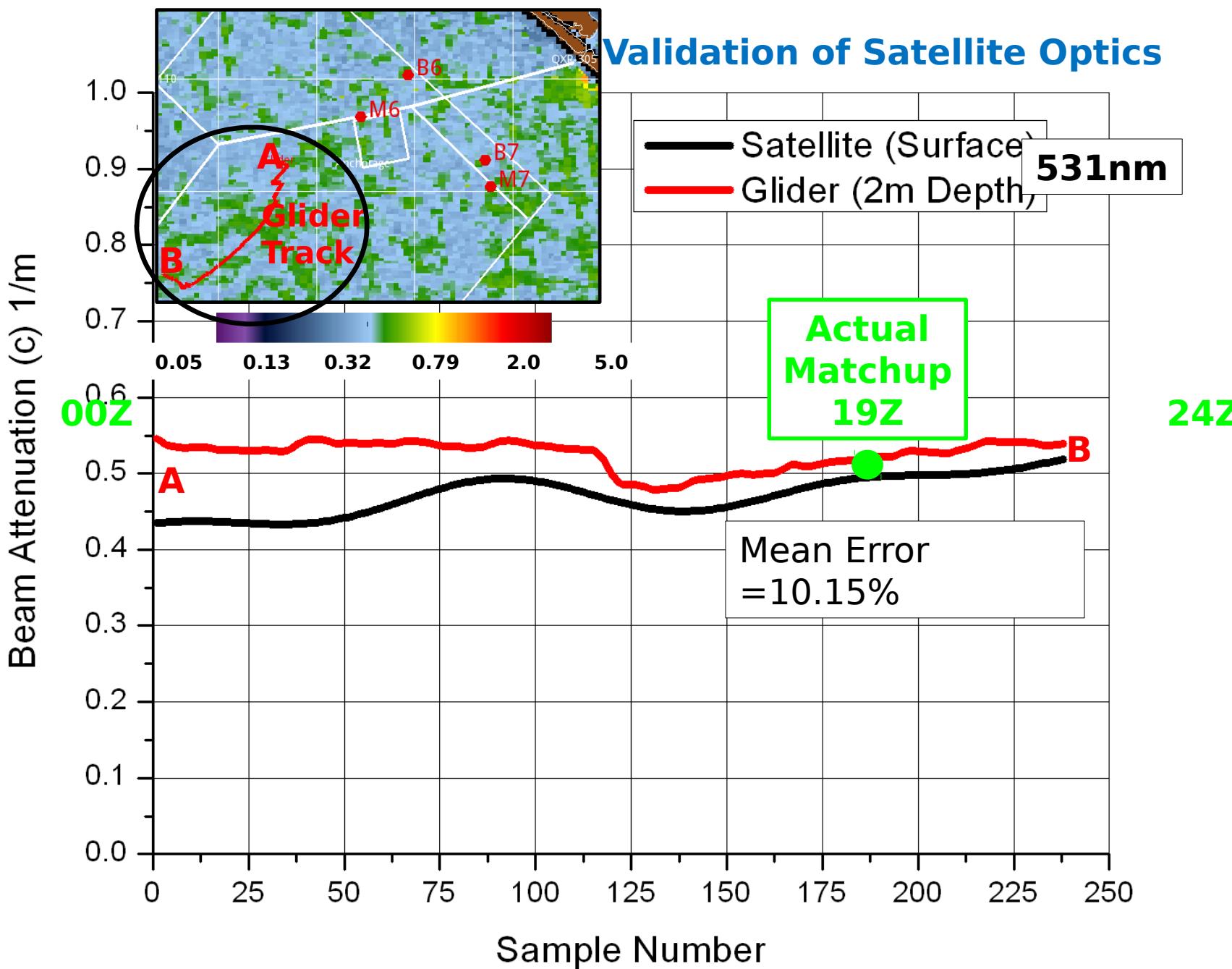
Target Identification @ 7m/22.96ft Tow Altitude 4/07/11 19Z



Optimal Tow Altitude - 4/07/11



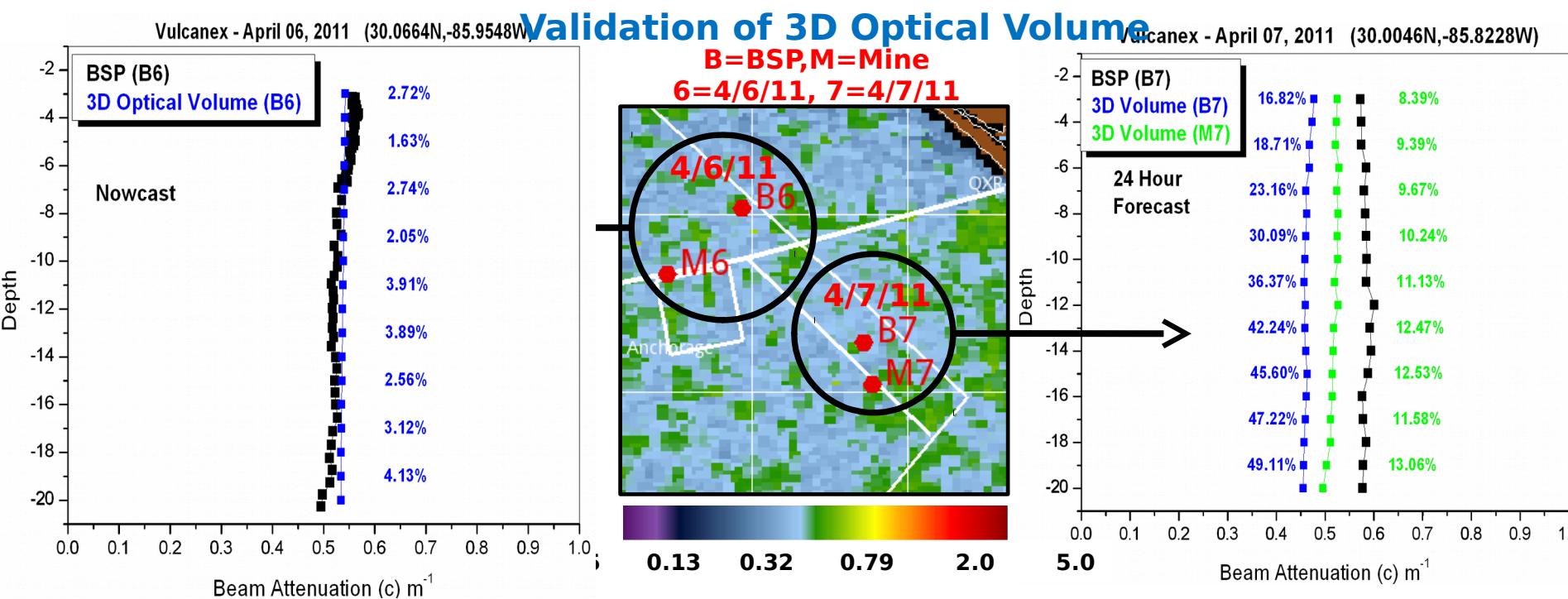
Validation of Satellite Optics



100% of AQS-24 HM-14 System Performance Validation - VULCANEX 1

Mine Targets At Suggested Tow Altitudes Identified!

Actual (HM) and Suggested (NRL,NAVO) Tow Heights										
#	Date	GMT	Mine Type	HM-14	NRL	NAVO	DET	ID		
Same Target STEP 3 UPS	4/6	2132	Mk52	20.0 ft	19.7 ft	19.7 ft	YES	YES		
	4/7	2238	Mk52	24.0 ft	22.9 ft	19.7 ft	YES	YES		
	4/7	2256	Mk52	20.0 ft	"	"	YES	YES		
	4/7	2310	Mk52	17.0 ft	"	"	YES	YES		
	4/7	2043	Mk52	17.0 ft	"	"	YES	YES		
	4/7	2050	Mk52	20.0 ft	"	"	YES	YES		
	4/7	2106	Mk52	24.0 ft	"	"	YES	YES		



Vulcanex AQS-24 System Performance Surface Validation

Apr 06, 2011 (Nowcast)



ST A	IQR	ID ?	OTA	SNIPPET
7m 22.96ft 4/6/11				
legends		Yes Maybe No	 6 7 8 9 10 11 20 23 26 29 32 35 (ft)	Note: Loss of Contrast, Size and Detail

Vulcanex AQS-24 System Performance Surface Validation

Apr 07, 2011 (24-Hour Forecast) - Step Ups

	IQR	ID?	OTA	SNIPPET
5m 16.7ft 4/7/11				
6m 19.7ft 4/7/11				
7m 22.96ft 4/7/11				
Legends	 Bad Good	Yes (IQR 7-10) Maybe (IQR 5-7) No (IQR 1-5)	 6 7 8 9 10 11 (meters)	Note: Loss of Contrast, Size and Detail

Summary

HM-HARP Vulcanex 11-1 Fleet Demonstration & Product Validation

Panama City, FL (March 30 - April 08, 2011)

- First time an ocean optical forecast provided to MCM operations
- Demonstrated Nowcast/Forecast capabilities of Tactical Ocean Data System (TODS) - AQS-24
- Performance Surfaces
- Provided daily optics brief of the environment (Nowcast/Forecast) to HM-14
- 100% of Mine Targets at suggested tow altitudes identified!
- Obtained validation data for MCM performance surfaces (Glider, BSP, Snippets)
- Fleet Feedback:
 - Products were *crucial* to the overall assessment of the squadron's capabilities
 - Predicted optimal tow heights provided a baseline to brief pilots and air crewman prior to their missions
 - Correlation to post-mission BSP resulted in similar water column assessment
 - Products were user friendly and provided useful and reliable information for mission

Summary (Continued)

Impact on Warfighter:

- Option to input user defined tow height (better image quality -> IQR)
- Predicted/forecasted tow heights provide more efficient mine clearance planning and timeline with same probability of identification
- Increase in probability of detection/identification using tow heights based on predicted/forecasted optical 3D environment.
- Helps UMCM dive units with re-acquisition and ID missions by providing a predicted 3D diver visibility performance surface.
- Forecasts of subsurface current velocities and direction provides important mission planning information for: a. sweeping moored mines

Support Slides

nding:

R&D: \$75K (Software Enhancements, R&D)

URL Glider Ops (3 -1 week Deployments): \$150K (2 - VACAPES Annual + Bold Alligator)

1 Week Deployment (1 Person):

Ship: \$5K

Travel: \$10K

Prep: \$10K

Batteries/Comms: \$10K

Boat: \$10K

Cals: \$5K

Total: \$50K

Operational TODS: \$150K

VACAPES(Annual Support Start Jan 2012)

TACDEVEX(Arabian Gulf Nov. 2011)

BOLD ALLIGATOR (VACAPES Feb. 2012)

Total: \$375K



Current Glider Track and Location

04/07/2011 @ 1110 Local

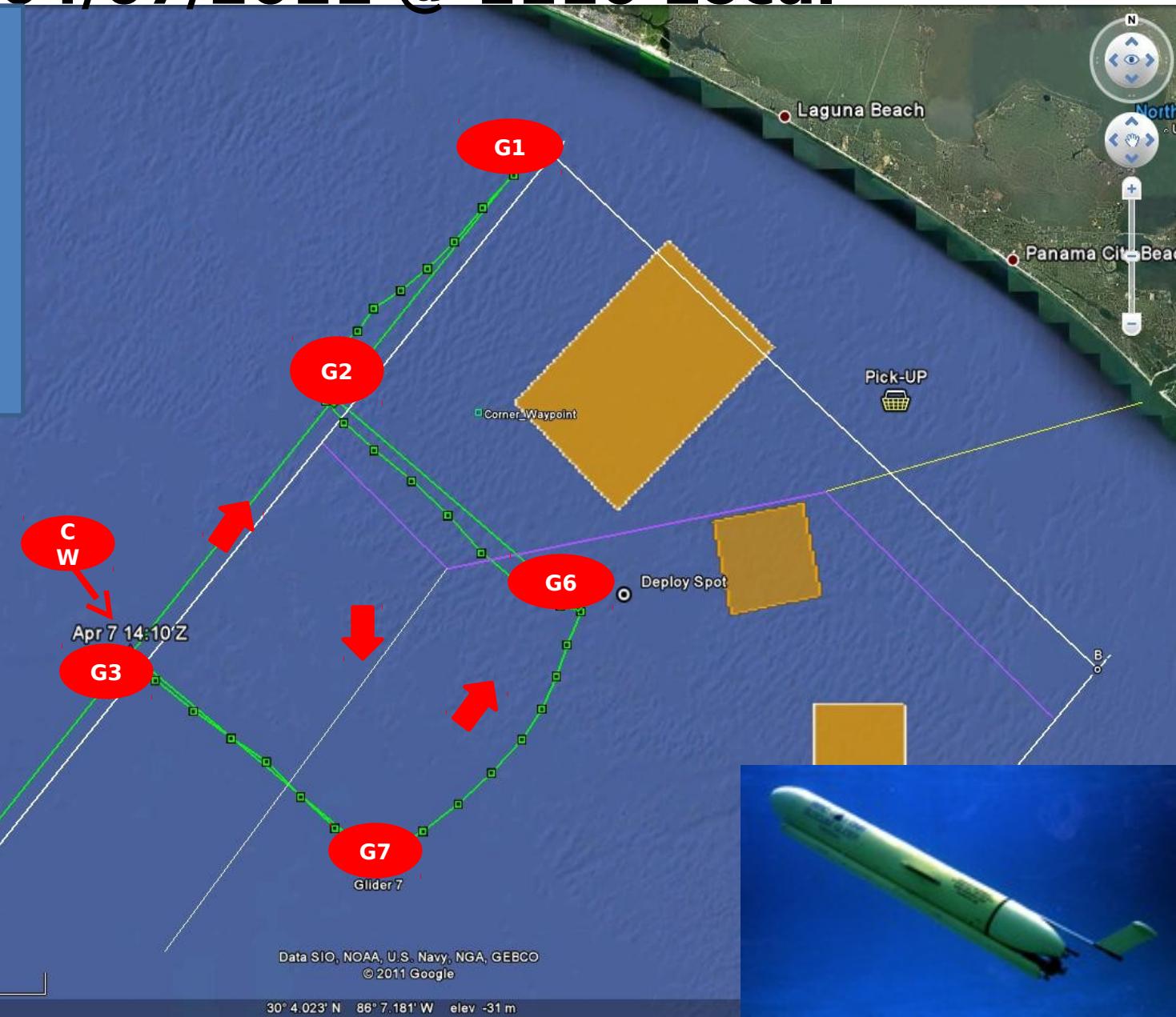
Glider Position Forecast

Waypoints

Current Waypoint (CW)

4/07/11 ~1110 Local

G2 4/08/11
G7 4/09/11
G6 4/10/11

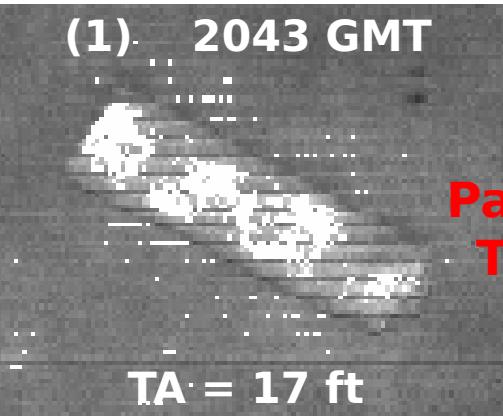




AQS-24 Snippets (4/7/11)

Step-Ups

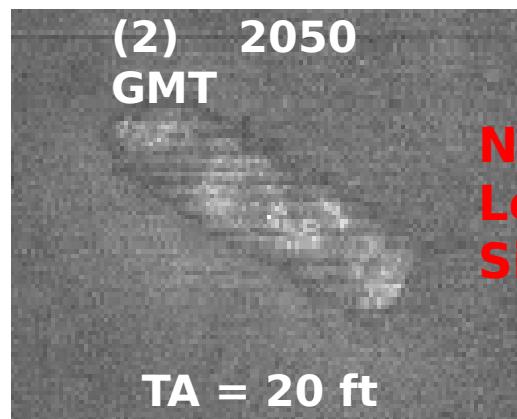
(1) 2043 GMT



TA = 17 ft

Same Object
Passed Over Multiple
Times at Increased
Tow Heights

(2) 2050
GMT



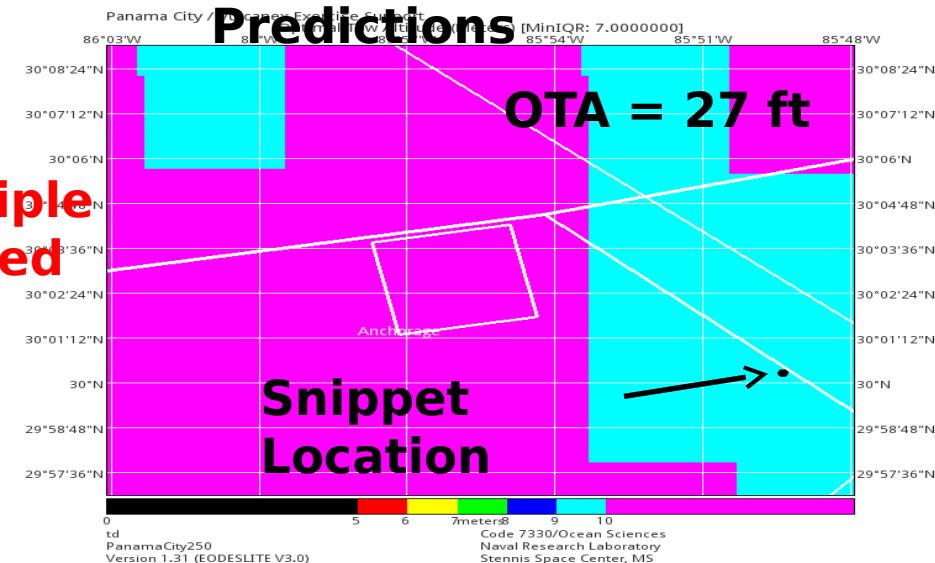
TA = 20 ft

Note:
Loss of Contrast, Target Identification @ 19.7 ft Tow
Size and Detail

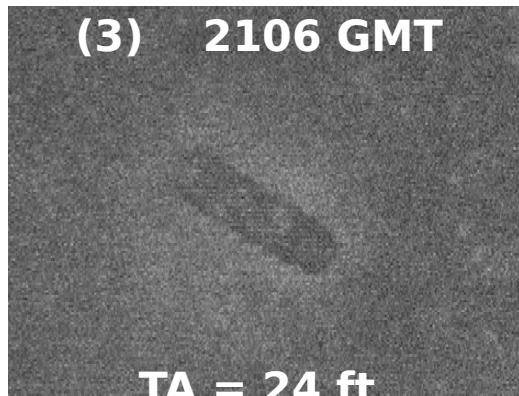
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1900Z

Performance Predictions

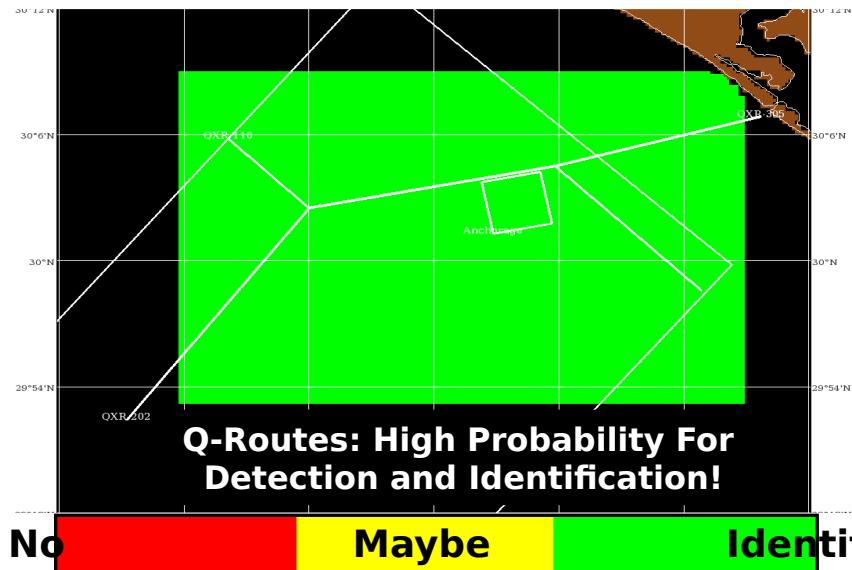


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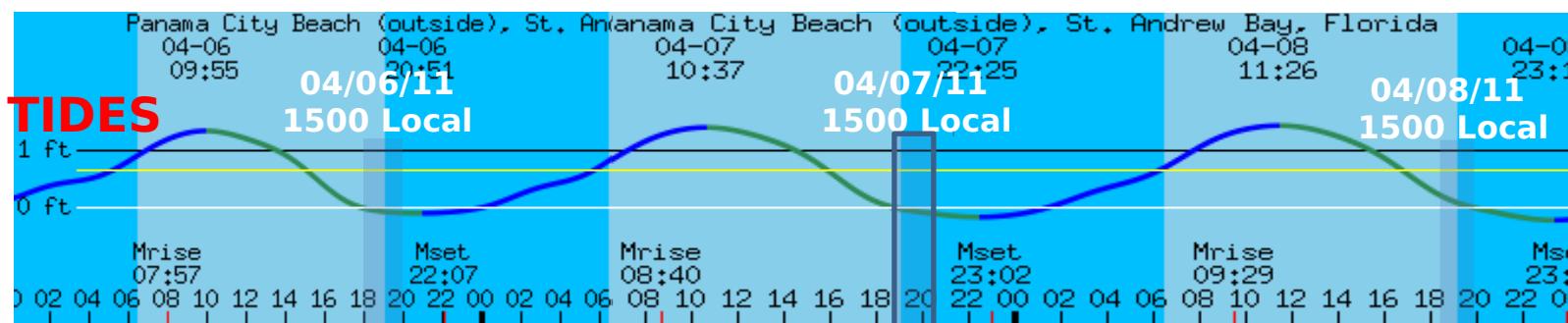
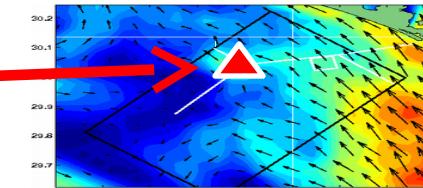
~20% Increase
in Predicted Tow
Heights = More
Efficient
Planning and
Clearance Times
with Same
Probability of



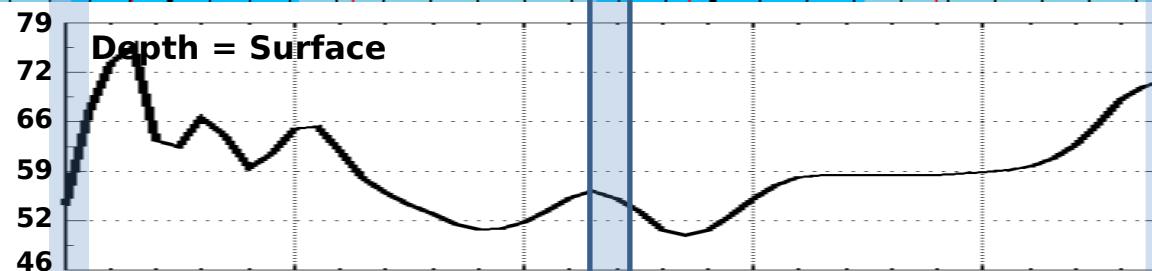


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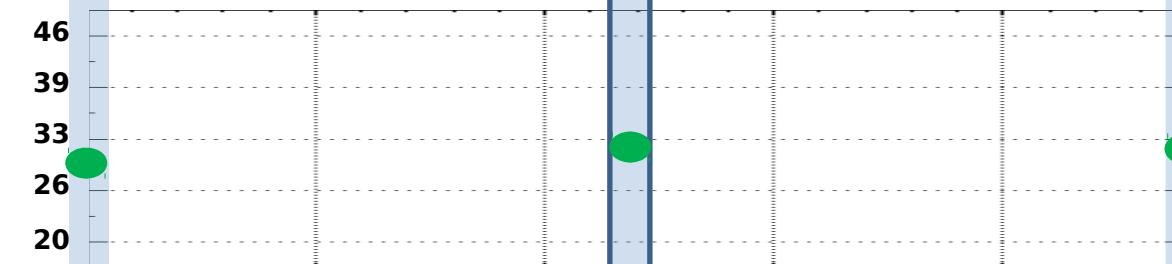
TIME SERIES @ 30.05N, 86.1W FORECAST OVER NEXT 48 HOURS



Horizontal Diver Visibility Forecast (Feet)

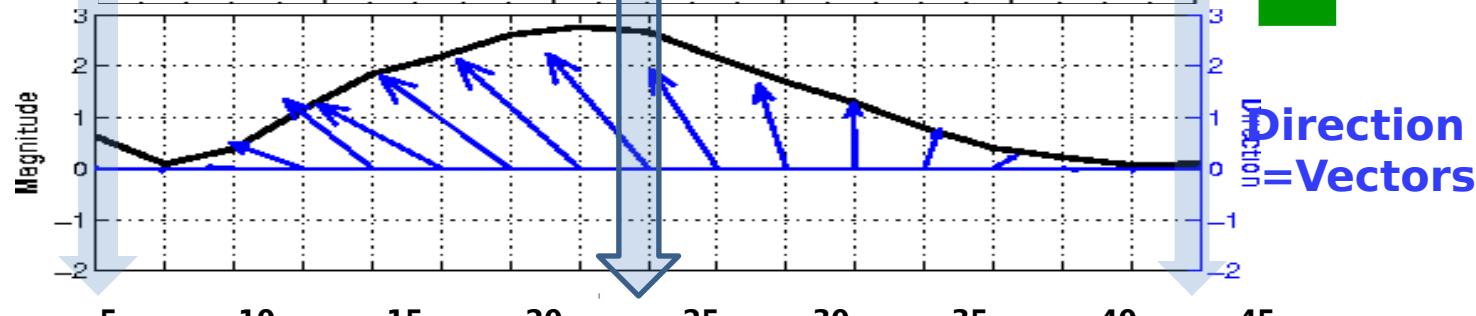


Optimal Tow Altitude (Feet)



No Target ID?
? Color Of Circle
Yes

Modeled Depth Averaged Currents (Knots) =Solid Line



Direction
vectors

Daily Brief Summary

- 1. Surface and subsurface turbidity (beam-c) range from 0.1-0.5 m⁻¹ in op-area for today (04/06/11 19Z), tomorrow (04/07/11) and for 48 hour forecast (04/08/11 19Z). (See Slides 2,3,4)**
- 2. Surface and subsurface diver visibility (horizontal) range from 29-100+ feet in op-area for today (04/06/11 19Z), tomorrow (04/07/11 19Z) and for 48 hour forecast (04/08/11 19Z). (See Slides 2,3,4)**
- 3. System Performance: Today (04/06/11 19Z), tomorrow (04/07/11 19Z) and 48 Hour Forecast (04/08/11 19Z) expect ID and Detection over 100% in Q-Routes.**
- 4. Today (04/06/11 19Z), tomorrow (04/07/11 19Z) and 48 hour forecast (04/08/11 19Z) predicted tow heights range from 29-36 feet in Q-Routes. (See Slides 2,3,4)**
- 5. Time Series at Surface for Location 30.05N and 86.1W: Horizontal Diver Visibility ranges from 50 to70 feet during period starting 04/06/11 19Z to 4/8/11 19Z. Optimal Tow Height is ~30 feet during same 48 hour period yielding high probability of target ID. Surface currents during the same 48**

Note: Good satellite scenes collected on 3/25/11, 4/01/11, 4/03/11 & 4/6/11

Generation of the 3D Optical Volume (3DOG)

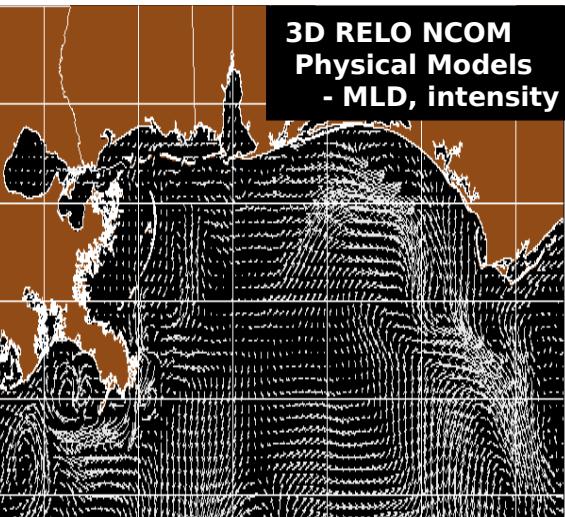
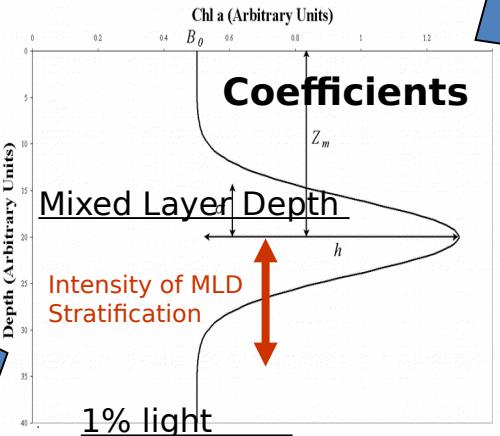
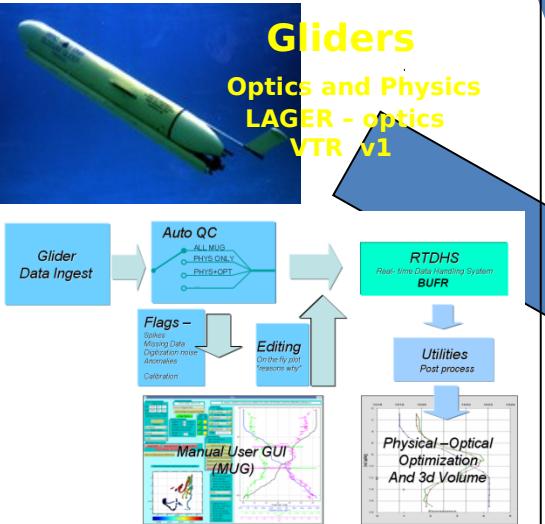


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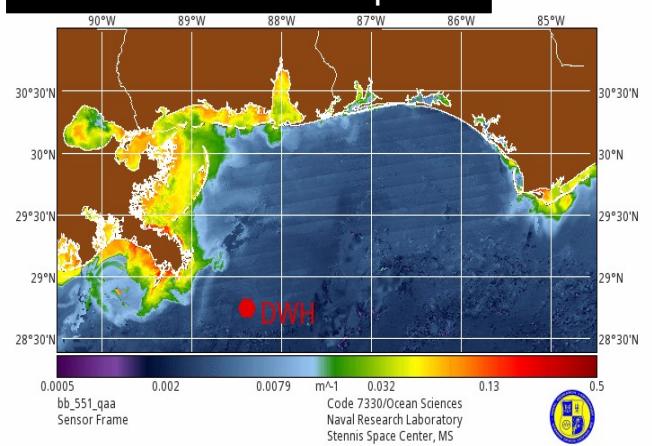
Optics (surface) to physics (subsurface)
Derived through optimization of a Gaussian Model

Gliders

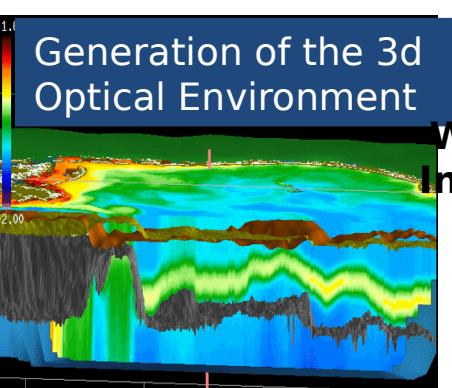
Optics and Physics
LAGER - optics
VTR v1



Satellite Surface Optics



Generation of the 3d Optical Environment



Warfighter Information

Environmental Decision Aides
For Operational Planning
EOIDS (EODES)

AQS(24)

